

REMARKS

Amendments

Claims 1-7, 9-16 and 19-25 have been canceled, claims 8, 17 and 18 have been amended, and claims 26-30 have been added. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 8, 17, 18 and 26-30 will be pending. Support for the added claims can be found in the specification, for example, in Figures 2A and 2B; Example 1; and in the claims as originally filed.

The foregoing amendments are made solely to expedite prosecution of the application and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention. Further, the amendments to the claims are made without prejudice to the pending or now canceled claims or to any subject matter pursued in a related application. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute any canceled subject matter at the later time or in a later filed divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application.

This supplemental amendment is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 26, 2006. The Examiner did not accept Applicant's Amendment filed November 22, 2005 on the grounds that the listing of claims and markings to show changes made were not consistent with the immediate prior version of the claims.

Appropriate correction has been made. Specifically, new claims 18-23 were renumbered as claims 26-30 and corrected for claim dependencies. Claims 8, 17 and 18 were corrected so as to show the proper changes made relative to the immediate prior version of the claims presented in the amendment filed March 28, 2005. Applicant believes that the corrected listing of claims filed herewith fully complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

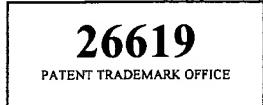
Conclusion

Applicant requests entry and consideration of the Amendment filed November 22, 2005. In view of the amendments and remarks set forth therein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **502775**.

Respectfully submitted,

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